

****NOTICE OF SEWER RATE INCREASE****
Effective on the April 5, 2019 Billing
VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN

This is to give you notice that the Village of Brooklyn is announcing an overall 12.3% increase for the typical residential customer in the SEWER RATES effective on the April 5, 2019 billing. The increase is necessary to reduce the existing deficiency in present rates. Rates were last increased in 2011. The increase will affect all Residential, Commercial, Industrial and Public Authority customers of the utility.

Over the last five years the Village has been working with the DNR to finalize upgrades to the WWTP regarding phosphorus removal requirements set forth by the state. The Village will be borrowing approximately \$1,068,062 in May in the form of a Clean Water Fund 20-year bond to complete these upgrades, which includes principal forgiveness in the amount of approximately \$630,577.

During annual audits over the last few years it was determined the sewer plant has not been collecting sufficient revenue to cover expenses and debt. With the possibility of borrowing additional funds, the Village conducted a sewer rate study. The results of that study showed a need to raise our existing revenue overall by 12.3% for the typical residential customer to meet current expenses and debt. The study also showed a need to adjust base charges for larger meter sizes to reflect industry standards. Additionally, if we were to include the cost of the additional upgrades into sewer expenses, the overall revenue would need to be raised a total of 26%.

The Village Board decided at their February 11, 2019 meeting to not put the new debt into the sewer expenses, but instead include it in the general obligation debt of the Village. The result of this decision will be an approximate \$100 increase on property taxes for 2019, based on a \$150,000 home.

This decision was arrived at over years of discussion regarding the necessity for upgrades and the impact on the current sewer rates. The rate study and debt comparison charts are available at the clerk's office for review.

Below is a chart of the new rates compared to the existing rates. The 12.3% increase equates to approximately a \$9.94 increase per month per typical residential user. Individual increases will vary according to usage and meter size.

Meter Size	Current Base Rate Per Month	New Base Rate Per Month
5/8"	\$43.00	\$45.19
1"	\$51.90	\$75.42
1-1/2"	\$218.71	\$125.81
2"	\$229.83	\$186.27
3"	\$455.95	\$377.73

Current usage rate is \$6.75/100 cu ft

New usage rate is \$8.14/100 cu ft